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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Michael G. Katze et al.

Application No.: 09/972,756

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For: NOVEL SCREENING METHODS  
TO IDENTIFY AGENTS THAT  
SELECTIVELY INHIBIT HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS REPLICATION

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response two months, from August 4, 2004 to October 4, 2004, is submitted herewith

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.